



## COMMISSION TO ELIMINATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FATALITIES

### **PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

**February 26-27, 2015**

*Meeting Location: Portland Marriott City Center  
520 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97205*

*Copies of the PowerPoint slides will be posted on our website:  
<https://eliminatechildabusefatalities.sites.usa.gov/>*

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

8:00 - 8:15                      **Opening Remarks by Chairman David Sanders**

8:15 - 8:30                      **Statement by Erinn Kelley-Siel, Director, Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS)**

8:30 - 9:45                      **A Child Well-Being Framework, Implications and Lessons for Child Fatality Prevention**

This panel will focus on innovative service delivery models under way in the Pacific Northwest region that operate from a well-being framework. In particular, the panel will explore leading cross-system data-sharing, funding, and program efforts that present potential strategies to help prevent child maltreatment fatalities. The panel will examine innovations under way via Medicaid, health care reform, ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences), and safe sleep efforts.

***Presenters:***

- *Amy Baker, M.S.W., Child and Family Mental Health Director, Addictions and Mental Health Division, Oregon Health Authority*
- *MaryAnne Lindeblad, M.P.H., Director, Washington State Health Care Authority, Washington State Department of Social & Health Services*

9:45 - 10:00                      **Break**

10:00 - 11:15                      **Child Welfare's Capacity to Prevent Fatal Maltreatment: Workload and Workforce Turnover as Factors in Preventing Fatal Child Maltreatment**

This panel will explore the research on agency workload factors that influence performance, with a specific focus on variables such as time allocated to investigation and safety and risk assessment, frequency of case manager contact, duration of contacts, and quality of contacts. It also will explore the issue of workforce turnover and its impact on child and family outcomes, particularly the prevention of fatalities.

**Presenters:**

- *Myles Edwards, Independent Consultant*
- *Don Graham, Walter R. McDonald & Associates*
- *Joan Zlotnik, Director, Social Work Policy Institute, NASW Foundation*
- *Jerry Waybrant, Chief Operating Officer for Child Welfare and Self Sufficiency, Oregon DHS*

11:15 - 12:45

**Federal Child Welfare Policies Focused on Child Safety**

JooYeun Chang, Associate Commissioner of the Children's Bureau, will provide the Commission with an overview of the Bureau's work targeted at preventing child abuse and neglect fatalities. Her presentation also will include what has been learned regarding state, local, and tribal strategies for addressing child abuse and neglect fatalities; the status and effectiveness of key federal child welfare policies aimed at protecting children who are at high risk of serious harm; and gaps in current federal child welfare law with respect to preventing child abuse and neglect fatalities.

***Presenter:** JooYeun Chang, Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

12:45 - 1:30

**Lunch**

1:30 - 2:15

**Understanding the Legal Rights of Government and Citizens Regarding Intervention on Behalf of Children: Limits, Challenges, and Opportunities**

This presentation will discuss the legal framework that supports government's ability to intervene on behalf of children in the family context. Attorney Kathleen Noonan will discuss the concept of *parens patriae* and the constitutional framework that seeks to balance the rights and responsibilities of parent, child, and state, as well as the recognition that parents have a fundamental liberty interest, protected by the Constitution, to raise their children as they choose. Legal standards such as the best interest of the child, compelling state interest, and threat of harm will be described and explored with regard to how they guide and limit current child welfare practice. Noonan will also consider whether these legal limits might inhibit best practice and explore potential new ways to approach these old standards.

***Presenter:** Kathleen Noonan, Co-Director, PolicyLab, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*

2:15 - 5:30

**Subcommittee Reports and Commissioner Deliberations**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

8:00 - 12:30

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